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To whom it may concern,

I am the librarian in the Clarksburg Community which is south of Sacramento about 15 miles on the Sacramento River in Yolo County. The community has had a branch library since 1911. The first library services were provided in May 1911 in the local post office and later at the local general store. In 1930 the library moved to the community church and remained there until 1942 where it was housed in the elementary school.

By 1960 the community's only library services were provided by a county bookmobile. The citizens soon decided, however, that the bookmobile was like a quick lunch counter - you just grab something and run without the opportunity to leisurely browse and savor the books. Then began the movement to acquire a permanent Clarksburg library and to the end, the Friends of the Clarksburg Library (FOCL) incorporated on February 6, 1962. The Purple Thread, a thrift shop ran solely by FOCL volunteers, opened in June 1962 and was designed to provide the funds needed to finance a library in Clarksburg.

In November 1964, a local residence was purchased by FOCL for \$25,000. It was converted to a branch library of the Yolo County Library System and opened on June 8, 1965. FOCL owns and continues to maintain the building while leasing it for a nominal amount to Yolo County for a library.

Today the Clarksburg branch enjoys a very high per capita circulation in part due to the close proximity of both the elementary, middle, and high schools. The Clarksburg library is the designated library for the elementary and the students visit weekly for recreational reading and school assignments. Furthermore this public library loans both audio and video discs, magazines, books (Spanish and English language) and provides the only public access computers.

The library is open Tue/Thur 9-7:30, Wed 5:30-7:30, Sat 9:30-1. It is the center of the community and is very important key to the social, learning, and informational center for the people of Clarksburg.

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